

# Westborough BPAC

## Meeting Minutes

### January 13, 2015

Attendance: Bruce Tretter, Glenn McLeod, Ed Beauchemin, Don Burn, Nancy Siegel, Howard Drake, Ellen Gugel

- Approved last month's meeting minutes.
- BWALT
  - Bruce gave a summary of the Town Department's (DPW, Police, and Fire) meeting held at the DPW last month. DPW likes the idea of a paved trail. Don to send them costing difference of stone dust vs. paved.
  - DCR Grant for Park St<->East Main St; application due 2/2.
    - Concerned was raised about applying for grant due to some open issues:
      - McCarthy might sell property
      - Completion of the easement documents that are in process, due to the loss of the Town Counsel.
    - Discussed material needed by 2/2 for grant application:
      - Letters of support, cost estimates, volunteer and DPW costs as matching funds
      - Meeting with Board of Selectman (BoS) to describe the DCR grant process. Earliest to be placed on the agenda is for 1/27 meeting.
        - Would like to have some communication before this, to review any concerns that would stop the grant process.
    - Other items:
      - Working with CarMax on elevation grades.
      - Discussed bridge options for cattle crossing bridge (182 Turnpike Rd).
- Display Boards for Town Meeting/Spring Festival
  - Howard brought in the display boards from the previous Spring Festivals for review.
  - Recommended there be handouts; such as information on the "commuter routes" web site, and the MassBike safety pamphlet.
  - Bruce to request table at town meeting
- Commuter route web site
  - Idea to use a laptop to show the commuter routes web site at the Spring Festival.
  - Howard to talk to Rec department about printing out commuter maps if a resident requests a map.
  - Howard posted handouts about the web site at places around town (Library, Gyms and Bike stores in the area...).
- Education
  - Bruce talked to Karen Henderson (Westborough TV) about possible broadcast ideas

- PSA
    - How to use the Crosswalk Signs
    - Promote Commuter class/Spring Festival/Bike Routes/Motorist and Cyclist responsibilities and expectations.
  - Al Gordon's Police Chief show
    - Ellen to bring MassBike Police Video to station.
- Regional Trail Meeting
  - Bruce working on arranging a Regional meeting similar to the Southeastern Reg'l Planning & Economic Dev't District that happened on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Neighborhood Safety Survey (CMRPC)
  - Working on details to have a survey/review of the rotary.
- Spring Festival
  - David White from Breakstone, White & Gluck will provide Bike Helmets.
  - Looking into:
    - Bike Rodeo in Waterman's parking lot
- Bike & Pedestrian Plan
  - Discussed the Mission Statement/Purpose-target goals. 4 points
    - Bike Friendly Community
    - Walk Friendly Community
    - Adopt Complete Streets policy
    - Safe Routes to School/Everywhere
  - Hudson MA Master plan has some items that we might want to include in the plan (such as Safe Streets information).
- Flashing Pedestrian Cross walk light:
  - Ordered one for the Lyman St crossing near The Willows (requested by The Willows).
- Bike Class
  - Nancy spoke to Landry's about Bike class
    - 3 classes are offered: Ready to Commute; ABC: Air, Brake, Chains; Rules of the road.
    - Each is about 90 minutes, at \$150 each. We can custom them or combined them.
  - Discussed
    - Applying for a Grant from the Civic Club for 1 class.
    - Working with the Recreation Department to advertise it, and handling registration.
  - Bruce to talk to YMCA about their Healthy Kids event.
- Chris Hughes' Resignation:
  - We thank Chris for his work.
  - Bruce to talk to BoS about posting an opening.

- Rt 9 and Lyman Street Design Public Hearing
  - Feb 5 (Thursday) at 7 PM, at Senior Center, 4 Rogers Rd
  - Discussed checking the plans for a crosswalk across Rt 9, and bike lane/path along Lyman St (to make it easy to get to the rail trail, and Westboro State Hospital Site).
- Next meeting Feb 10 at 7PM.